On Friday, September 5th, Bahraini security forces arrested Salah al-Jalahma for taking Qatari citizenship and calling on the al-Jalahma tribe to do the same.

According to Al-Wasat, the lawyer Abdulla Hashim confirmed that Salah’s arrest relates to his Qatari citizenship. He said that the authorities accused him of inciting hatred against the regime and remanded him to seven days in prison.

On the other hand, the Kuwaiti newspaper "Al-Rai" learned from reliable sources that al-Jalahma "regained his Qatari citizenship a short while ago and waived his Bahraini citizenship." The source added that "he returned to Bahrain from France two days ago" to inquire about canceling his retirement account. Salah was arrested at the airport and prevented from traveling. He was interrogated in the airport, transported to the CID and then to the military court, as he used to work in the military.

The al-Jalahma family contacted the Qatari embassy and informed them that Salah was arrested "in order for them to take the necessary steps to secure his release."

It should be noted that Bahraini authorities have accused Qatar of naturalizing Bahrainis and targeting for naturalization families and tribes that have historic connections with Qatar. Bahrain considers this a threat to its national security.